

Prior law (R.S. 33:9106(B)) authorized the governing authority of any communication district to levy an emergency telephone service charge to fund the costs for 911 services.

New law retains prior law and further authorizes the governing authority of St. Bernard Parish 911 Communications District to develop a uniform flat fee fixed rate service charge for 911 services.

New law provides that voter approval for the fixed rate fee is required if the amount of funds generated is greater than the amount collected under the tariff-based rate as provided in prior law.

New law provides that the total amount of the service charge shall be:

1. One dollar per month for each residential line.
2. \$2.07 per month for each commercial line.
3. \$1.26 per month for each cellular or other wireless telecommunications service.

New law provides that if such service charges are levied on a flat fee schedule of fixed rates, then rates shall be uniform for each of the following classes of service: residential, commercial, cellular, commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) or other wireless telecommunications service.

New law provides that the service charge shall be assessed against each cellular or other wireless phone number for which the billing address is within the boundaries of the district.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 33:9106.3)